

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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Plaintiff,                    )  
                                  )  
v.                             )   No.  
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FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED )  
DOLLARS IN U.S. CURRENCY (\$4,100.00), )  
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and                            )  
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THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED )  
AND SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS IN U.S.    )  
CURRENCY (\$31,261.00),            )  
                                  )  
Defendants.                    )

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT OF FORFEITURE**

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, the United States of America, by and through its attorneys, Jeffrey B. Jensen, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, and Kyle T. Bateman, Assistant United States Attorney, for said district, and for its Verified Complaint for Forfeiture states as follows:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is a civil action *in rem* brought by the United States of America seeking forfeiture of all right, title, and interest in the above-captioned defendant property pursuant Title 21, United States Code, Section 881(a)(6) and Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(A) and (C).
2. The defendant property was seized by law enforcement on or about August 31, 2018, and is described more fully as four thousand, one hundred dollars in U.S. Currency (\$4,100.00)

and thirty-one thousand, two hundred and sixty-one dollars in U.S. currency (\$31,261.00) (together, the “defendant property”).

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Sections 1345, 1355, and 1395.

4. Venue is proper pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1355(b)(1)(A) because the acts and omissions giving rise to forfeiture took place in the Eastern District of Missouri. Venue is also proper pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1395(b) because the defendant currency was seized in the Eastern District of Missouri.

### **STATUTORY FRAMEWORK**

5. Title 21, United States Code, Section 881(a)(6) authorizes the civil forfeiture of “all moneys, negotiable instruments, securities, or other things of value furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in exchange for a controlled substance or listed chemical in violation of this subchapter, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used or intended to be used to facilitate any violation of this subchapter.”

6. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) criminalizes conducting a transaction, including transferring, delivering, or other disposition, knowing that such transaction represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity and that in fact involves the proceeds of a specific unlawful activity, including violations of the Controlled Substances Act, with the intent to promote the carrying on of the specified unlawful activity.

7. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B) criminalizes conducting a transaction, including transfer, delivery, or other disposition, knowing that such transaction

represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity and that in fact involves the proceeds of a specific unlawful activity, including violations of the Controlled Substances Act, knowing that the transaction is designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity.

8. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(A), any property, real or personal, involved in a transaction or attempted transaction in violation of section 1956 of Title 18, or any property traceable to such property, is subject to civil forfeiture.

9. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1952 criminalizes traveling in interstate commerce with the intent to distribute the proceeds of any unlawful activity, including a business enterprise involving controlled substances, or otherwise promoting, managing, establishing, carry on, or facilitating the promotion, management, establishment, or carrying on, of such unlawful activity.

10. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1952 is subject to civil forfeiture.

### **FACTS GIVING RISE TO THE FORFEITURE**

11. On August 31, 2018, at approximately 9:11 pm, a Normandy Police Department officer in a stationary patrol vehicle observed a 2015 Mercedes S550 with a Florida license plate (the “Mercedes”) headed west on Interstate 70, within the Eastern District of Missouri, traveling at 89 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone.

12. When the officer pulled out into traffic behind the Mercedes, the Mercedes accelerated speed and changed lanes multiple times before the officer was able to position his patrol vehicle immediately behind the Mercedes.

13. After the officer activated the emergency lights on his patrol vehicle, the Mercedes continued travelling until coming to a stop a St. Louis Lambert International Airport east terminal departure zone.

14. The officer ordered the driver of the Mercedes, later identified as Demond McDaniels (“McDaniels”), to exit the vehicle. McDaniels complied and was handcuffed.

15. McDaniels has a criminal history that includes a drug trafficking conviction. At the time of the traffic stop, McDaniels was awaiting sentencing in the Eastern District of Missouri for wire fraud, an offense that he committed while on supervised release on a prior wire fraud conviction.

16. The front passenger of the vehicle, later identified as Ferdinand McGuire (“McGuire”), exited the vehicle with his hands in the air. The officer told McGuire to stay in his current position until assisting units arrived.

17. McGuire has a criminal history that includes drug possession and distribution convictions. At the time of the traffic stop, McGuire was on state probation for charges related to distribution of controlled substances.

18. While the officer handcuffed McDaniels, he detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the Mercedes.

19. After another officer arrived on the scene, McDaniels was placed in the rear of a patrol vehicle.

20. An officer searched the driver’s area of the Mercedes and located a brown cigarette rolled with a green leafy substance, later determined to be marijuana, in the sun visor.

21. A trained, certified and reliable drug detection canine was deployed for a vehicle sniff of the exterior of the Mercedes, and gave an affirmative response to the presence of the odor

of a controlled substance near the driver and passenger door.

22. The canine was then placed in the Mercedes and gave an affirmative response to the presence of the odor of a controlled substance at or near a backpack located on the front passenger floor board, at or near another backpack on the rear seat, and at or near the driver's side sun visor.

23. A search of the backpack located on the front passenger floor board revealed U.S. currency in a rubber-banded bundle and five cell phones. The currency was later counted and determined to be \$4,100, primarily in \$20 denominations.

24. A search of the backpack on the rear seat revealed loose United States currency and a white plastic bag rolled with white paper. The white plastic bag contained 11 rubber-banded bundles of United States currency. Also inside the bag were three cell phones, including two cell phones with phone numbers written on them. The currency was later counted and determined to be \$31,261, primarily in \$20 denominations.

25. The Mercedes was towed to the Normandy Police Department for further search that revealed three cell phones and three USB drives in the center console, and another cell phone under the front seat.

26. Officers also discovered in the Mercedes' sunglasses holder a California identification card for Michael Cooper. On August 29, 2018, approximately two days prior to the traffic stop, Cooper was arrested at the St. Louis Lambert International Airport when he was found in possession of 50 pounds of marijuana.

27. The U.S. currency seized from the two backpacks was placed in plastic bags to perform a sniff exercise with the aforementioned canine. The canine again alerted to the presence of the odor of a controlled substance at or near the U.S. currency.

28. McGuire told officers that the backpack located on the front passenger floorboard belonged to him. When asked how much money was in the backpack, McGuire stated \$6,000. McGuire also told officers that the backpack located on the rear seat did not belong to him.

29. At the Normandy Police Department, McDaniels was read his Miranda rights and he signed a form stating that he understood them. When officers asked McDaniels about the U.S. currency discovered in the Mercedes, McDaniels stated "I don't have nothing to say."

30. Law enforcement subsequently performed employment and wage checks for both McDaniels and McGuire. According to these checks, the only reported wages for McDaniels was \$2,955 earned between July 2017 and September 2017, and for McGuire was \$103.13 earned between January 2016 to March 2016.

**COUNT ONE – FORFEITURE**  
**21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6)**

31. The United States incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 to 30 above as if fully set forth herein.

32. The defendant property is bulk U.S. currency that was discovered by law enforcement officers in bundles, wrapped in rubber bands, and in denominations and a manner that is consistent with drug trafficking, in backpacks in the front and back seat of a Mercedes occupied by McDaniels and McGuire. Officers also found twelve cell phones in the Mercedes, and the identification of a man who had recently been arrested at the St. Louis Lambert International Airport when he was found to be in possession of 50 pounds of marijuana. McDaniels and McGuire both have criminal histories related to narcotics possession and distribution, and neither have reported wages that could account for the defendant property. Finally, a trained, certified and reliable narcotics canine alerted positively to the presence of the odor of a controlled substance on the defendant property.

33. Based on the foregoing, the defendant currency is subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 881(a)(6) as money furnished or intended to be furnished in exchange for a controlled substance, as proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and as money to be used to facilitate a violation of the Controlled Substances Act.

**COUNT TWO – FORFEITURE**  
**18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(A)**

34. The United States incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 to 30 above as if fully set forth herein.

35. The defendant currency is proceeds of an unlawful activity involving controlled substances and was transported in the Eastern District of Missouri by McDaniels and McGuire with the intent to promote the carrying on of, and to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership or control of, a specified unlawful activity.

36. Based on the foregoing, the defendant currency is subject to forfeiture, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(A) as property involved in a transaction or attempted transaction in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956, or as property traceable to such property.

**COUNT THREE – FORFEITURE**  
**18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C)**

37. The United States incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 to 30 above as if fully set forth herein.

38. The defendant property is proceeds of an unlawful activity involving controlled substances that travelled in interstate commerce with the intent to distribute it, and otherwise promote, manage, establish, carry on, or facilitate the promotion, management, establishment, or carrying on, of an unlawful activity involving controlled substances.

39. Based on the foregoing, the defendant property is subject to forfeiture, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) as property that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1952.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, the United States of America prays that a Warrant for Arrest be issued in rem for the defendant property and the defendant property be condemned and forfeited to the United States of America, in accordance with the provisions of law; and that the United States of America be awarded its costs in this action, and have such other relief as provided by law and the nature of the case may require.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY B. JENSEN  
United States Attorney

*/s/ Kyle T. Bateman*  
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KYLE T. BATEMAN, #996646DC  
Assistant United States Attorney  
111 South Tenth Street, 20th Floor  
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

VERIFICATION

I, Brandon McKinnon, hereby verify and declare under penalty of perjury that I am a Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration, that I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof, and that the matters contained in the Verified Complaint are true to my own knowledge and belief.

The sources of my knowledge and information and the grounds of my belief are the official files and records of the United States, information supplied to me by other law enforcement officers, as well as my investigation of this case, together with others, as a Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 6/19/19  
(date)

Brandon McKinnon  
BRANDON MCKINNON  
Task Force Officer  
Drug Enforcement Administration

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

<b>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</b>		<b>DEFENDANTS</b>		
<p><b>(b)</b> County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____  <small>(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</small></p>		<p>County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____  <small>(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</small></p> <p>NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.</p>		
<p><b>(c)</b> Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)</p>		<p>Attorneys (If Known)</p>		
<b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> <small>(Place an "X" in One Box Only)</small>		<b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES</b> <small>(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question <small>(U.S. Government Not a Party)</small>		Citizen of This State <input type="checkbox"/> PTF <input type="checkbox"/> DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State <input type="checkbox"/> PTF <input type="checkbox"/> DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 4		
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		Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Foreign Nation <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 6		
<b>IV. NATURE OF SUIT</b> <small>(Place an "X" in One Box Only)</small>				
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			<b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
<b>V. ORIGIN</b> <small>(Place an "X" in One Box Only)</small>				Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Original Proceeding <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from another district (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 7				
Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing <b>(Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity)</b> :				
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION Brief description of cause:				
<b>VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23	<b>DEMAND \$</b>	CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: <b>JURY DEMAND:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY</b>		(See instructions): JUDGE	DOCKET NUMBER	
DATE	SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD			
				
<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>				
RECEIPT #	AMOUNT	APPLYING IFFP	JUDGE	MAG. JUDGE

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

## Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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**I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

**II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

**III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

**IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

**V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

**VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

**VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

**VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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## **ORIGINAL FILING FORM**

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND VERIFIED BY THE FILING PARTY WHEN INITIATING A NEW CASE.**

THIS CAUSE, OR A SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT COMPLAINT, WAS  
PREVIOUSLY FILED IN THIS COURT AS CASE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
AND ASSIGNED TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_.

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**The undersigned affirms that the information provided above is true and correct.**

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TO: THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL AND/OR ANY OTHER DULY AUTHORIZED  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Whereas, on June 19, 2019, the United States of America filed a Verified Complaint for  
Civil Forfeiture in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, against  
the above-named defendant property, alleging that said property is subject to seizure and civil  
forfeiture to the United States for the reasons mentioned in the complaint; and

WHEREAS, the defendant property is currently in the possession, custody, or control of  
the United States; and

WHEREAS, in these circumstances, Supplemental Rule G(3)(b)(i) directs the Clerk of the  
Court to issue an arrest warrant in rem for the arrest of the defendant property; and

WHEREAS, Supplemental Rule G(3)(c) provides that the warrant of arrest in rem must be  
delivered to a person or organization authorized to execute it;

NOW THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded to arrest the above-named defendant  
property by serving a copy of this warrant on the custodian in whose possession, custody, or

control the property is presently found, and to use whatever means may be appropriate to protect and maintain it in your custody until further order of this Court,

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED, promptly after execution of this process, to file the same in this Court with your return thereon, identifying the individuals upon whom copies were served and the manner employed.

GREGORY J. LINHARES, CLERK  
United States District Court

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_